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BENSON OFFICIAL-INFORMAL OF 6/29/76

1. POST REQUESTS DEPT ASK COMPOSER JOHN EATON IF HE
WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR THREE WEEK SOVIET VISIT
STARTING MID-JANUARY '77 AS GUEST OF USSR UNION OF
COMPOSERS. ACCORDING TO UNION, EATON'S PROGRAM WOULD INCLUDE
MEETINGS WITH SOVIET COMPOSERS AND MUSICIANS, LECTURES AT CON-
SERVATORIES AND SEVERAL PERFORMANCES OF HIS MUSIC TO SOVIET MUSIC
SPECIALISTS.

2. RE RICHMOND LETTER, POST AGREE MOST AMERICAN
COMPOSERS AND WRITERS PREFER TO TRAVEL INDIVIDUALLY RATHER
THAN IN GROUP. THIS HAS PROVEN TO BE MORE EFFECTIVE
PROGRAM FORMAT. EMBASSY BELIEVES THIS PRACTICE SHOULD CONTINUE.
LETTER WILL BE ANSWERED SOON.

3. UNION OF COMPOSERS WILL SUPPLY NAMES OF TWO SOVIET
COMPOSERS TO VISIT US IN '77 BY END OF THIS MONTH. UNION
HOPES IT CAN BE ARRANGED TO HAVE US PERFORMANCES OF THEIR
WORKS DURING THEIR VISIT, AND THEY ARE PREPARED TO DO THE
SAME FOR US COMPOSERS IN RETURN.
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